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SUBJ: CSCE: ROMANIAN INTENTION TO DISCUSS FOLLOW-UP WITH
THE SECRETARY

1. ACTING HEAD OF ROMANIAN DELEGATION HAS ASKED US TO
INFORM SECRETARY KISSINGER OF ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT'S DESIRE
TO DISCUSS QUESTION OF CSCE FOLLOW-UP WITH HIM DURING HIS
FORTHCOMING VISIT TO BUCHAREST. ROMANIAN DELEGATE NOTED
THIS SUBJECT HAS BEEN TOUCHED ON SUPERFICIALLY DURING
PREVIOUS HIGH LEVEL US-ROMANIAN BILATERAL MEETINGS, BUT
HAS NOT BEEN DISCUSSED IN DEPTH. ROMANIANS ARE CONCERNED
WITH WHAT THEY INTERPRET TO BE A "RIGID" US POSITION ON
FOLLOW-UP, WHICH IS PRIMARY ROMANIAN INTEREST IN CSCE,
AND HOPE TO ENCOURAGE GREATER FLEXIBILITY ON OUR PART.
HEAD OF ROMANISN CSCE DELEGATION (LAPATTI) HAS RETURNED
TO BUCHAREST TO BE PRESENT FOR THIS DISCUSSION. OUR
VIEW OF THE STATE OF NEGOTIATIONS ON FOLLOW-UP IS CON-
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TAINED IN GENEVA 4418.

2. ANOTHER CSCE SUBJECT WHICH COULD COME UP DURING THE SECRETARY'S VISIT TO BUCHAREST IS ROMANIAN SPECULATION THAT US AND SOVIETS ARE AGREED ON PARAMETERS FOR A CONFIDENCE BUILDING MEASURE (CBM) ON PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF MILITARY MANEUVERS. ROMANIANS APPARENTLY BELIEVE US AND SOVIETS HAVE REACHED TACIT UNDERSTANDING THAT PARAMETERS SHOULD BE 15-20 DAYS NOTIFICATION, 20,000 TROOPS FOR SIZE OF MANEUVERS, AND 200-300 KILOMETERS FROM FRONTIERS AS GEOGRAPHIC AREA TO BE COVERED. ALTHOUGH ROMANIANS HAVE NOT REPEAT NOT MENTIONED THIS SUBJECT TO US, THEY HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR SUSPICIONS TO ITALIANS, WHO INFORMED EC-NINE CAUCUS. WE HAVE TOLD NATO DELEGATION HEADS' CAUCUS THAT WE HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY DETAILED US-SOVIET DISCUSSIONS ON MANEUVERS, AND HAVE CITED SONNENFELDT'S REPORT TO NAC (USNATO 6020), IN WHICH HE SAID NO SPECIFIC DETAILS OF CBMS WERE DISCUSSED IN MOSCOW. WE HAVE STRESSED TO ALLIED REPS THAT US POSITION ON MANEUVERS IS AS AGREED IN NATO, NEVERTHELESS, THIS RUMOR IS NOW RATHER WIDESPREAD THROUGHOUT CSCE, AND ROMANIANS MAY BE TEMPTED TO ASK THE SECRETARY ABOUT IT. ABRAMS

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